

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS, COMPLETE LISTING OF CLAIMS
IN ASCENDING ORDER WITH STATUS INDICATOR

Please amend the claims as follows.

Claims 1-9 (Canceled).

10. (New) A fiberboard comprising natural fiber and polylactic acid resin mixed in said natural fiber as a binder, said fiberboard

(1) having a density of 0.2 g/cm^3 or more,

(2) comprising an initial bending strength of 30 MPa or more, said bending strength being calculated in accordance with the following expression

$$\text{bending strength (MPa)} = 3PL/2Wt^2$$

wherein P is the maximum bending load (N) to a test piece, L is the distance between fulcrums (mm) of the test piece, W is the width of the test piece (mm), and t is the thickness of the test piece (mm), and

(3) retaining 20% or more of said initial bending strength after subjecting said fiberboard to a high temperature of 50°C and a high humidity of 95% RH for 1,200 hours.

11. (New) The fiberboard according to claim 10, wherein the polylactic acid resin comprises a carboxyl-terminal quantity of 10 or less equivalent weight/ton.

12. (New) The fiberboard according to claim 11, further comprising a polycarbodiimide compound which is added to the polylactic acid resin.

13. (New) The fiberboard according to any one of claims 10 to 12, wherein the polylactic acid resin comprises a remaining monomer quantity under a raw pellet state of 500 ppm or less.

14. (New) The fiberboard according to any one of claims 10 to 12, wherein the polylactic acid resin is mixed with the natural fiber at a range between 10 and 90 wt%.

15. (New) A method of producing a fiber-board comprising the steps of
fibrosing polylactic acid resin through melt spinning, said polylactic acid resin
comprising a remaining monomer quantity under a raw pellet state of 500 ppm or less,
mixing said fiber of said polylactic acid resin with natural fiber,
forming the mixture of said polylactic acid resin and said natural fiber into a sheet,
and
molding the sheet by hot-pressing to obtain said fiberboard.

16. (New) The method according to claim 15, wherein the polylactic acid resin is
kneaded with a polycarbodiimide compound prior to fibrosing said polylactic acid resin through
melt spinning.